



Carbondale  
Church of Christ

April 5, 2007  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
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The Carbondale Church of Christ exists for the purpose of bringing honor to God the Father by imitating his Son, Jesus Christ, and spreading the gospel message. We are HIS.

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*Minister: Steve Shaffer Elders: Edd Knight, Gerard Smith, Terry Taylor*

### In Our Prayers

#### Health:

- \*Miss Genevieve fell and has a fractured pelvis.
- \*Brent Kington-health concerns
- \*Rob Young-cancer treatments
- \*David Monaco's grandfather- slowly improving
- \*Bonnie's aunt starting cancer treatments
- \*Kelly's father- has MS
- \*Gwen's parents-health. Gwen has been sick also
- \*April's mother-Sharon-headaches, some improvement
- \*Joe Clary-is to move to nursing home
- \*Elaine Clary-health
- \*Mae Simpkins-health about the same
- \*Elise's father-in-law – cancer
- \*Kay's coworker – cancer
- \*Marcus' coworker's sister- cancer, doing well
- \*Mike Kinsall – cancer
- \*Debbie's friend – health
- \*Mike Hope – cancer
- \*Mike Hope's mother – serious health concerns
- \*Martha's sister-in-law – cancer
- \*Martha's niece – treatments
- \*C. J. Garris improvement, will have surgery soon
- \*Billy Springer's mother- cancer, is in hospice
- \*Scott Wiedebach, nephew of the Thomas', improved
- \*Janell Simpson's father- broke his leg, doing well
- \*Jake Deaton- Kington's nephew-
- \*Nate's brother-is going to lose his eye
- \*Danny Simpson-Julie Suwana's brother- spinal condition
- \*Shannon's father and uncle- health problems
- \*Karen's friend Beverly-cancer
- \*Genevieve's brother in-law- infection following surgery

#### Job Search

- \*Ashley Ross
- \*Internship-Chris Srikanth

#### Serving Overseas

In Iraq Tina Harryman, Rebecca's Dad,  
Dee Brown's niece, Dorothy's nephew,

#### Area Events

Gospel Meeting Marion April 8-11

#### Mission Trip to Mississippi

June 3 thru 9--7th Grade-Adults Let Steve know.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Fest Sat April 21 7 pm

@ Grace Methodist Church, free admission to concert, voluntary contribution to help The Women's Center and the Good Samaritan House. Flyer on bulletin board

### Sunday April 8

#### Song Leader-

<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Glen Knight
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Greg Eversden
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Gerard Smith
<b>Nursery</b>	Jolynn Smith
<b>Prepare Communion</b>	Nadine Lucas

### Welcome to the Woods family

Ryan, Angie, Cooper, Carter, and Cole will be arriving on Thursday afternoon. If you have some time and a strong back, there will be work to do! We are very thankful for their desire to work with us and for being able to move so quickly.

### LTC Weekend

We will be meeting here at the building at 8:30 Friday morning and traveling to Indianapolis for the LTC convention. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe trip.

### Easter Sunday Dinner April 8th

Join us for the annual Easter Sunday Dinner following AM worship services. Easter Egg Hunt after lunch.

### LTC Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>

During AM class hour the LTC students will present their events to the congregation.

### Sunday Morning Classes

**Adults #1** Acts 28:12-31 fellowship rm  
**Adults #2** (in family room)- Parenting - Terry Taylor

### Sunday Evening

5PM Life Group  
6PM Teen Life Group / Children's Church / Worship

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30 PM Devotional  
6:45 Bible Classes (Adults study from John)  
7:00 FriendSpeak

### L Sermon CD's Available – Contact Office

[office@carbondalecoc.com](mailto:office@carbondalecoc.com) / Phone 457-5105

### Ladies Bible Class April 10 @ 3PM

### Faith and Expectations

When I was a kid I remember being excited about lots of things that seem insignificant now. I looked forward to birthday presents and I recall having a hard sleeping on Christmas Eve. I had such high expectations for these events. But it wasn't long before I experienced disappointment. I didn't get the gift I really wanted. The show was not as fun as I had hoped. Real life just didn't live up to what my run away expectations had imagined. I remember riding in the car with my mom when I was about ten years old and telling her, "Mom, I have noticed that little things aren't as exciting as they used to be. I used to be thrilled with elephants, but now they are no big deal." Somewhere along the path of life we learn to manage our disappointment with life by restraining our expectations. I find that if I don't expect much, I'm rarely disappointed. I wonder if our faith suffers from the same self-protecting behavior. We tell ourselves to not expect much in terms of our experience with God to keep from being disappointed. But isn't faith the unrestrained hope in a future that defies normal expectations? If we only hope for what we have come to expect from life, our hopes will be small and unimaginative. Faith is the freedom to imagine that God can do things, things that are not limited by our expectations or weighed down by our past disappointments with life. Faith is the courage to continue to expect answers to prayers, to continue to expect progress against sin, to continue to expect that God will meet our needs and cares about us. You might say that being grown up is knowing what not to expect from life. But Jesus said, "...anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Faith gives us the courage to continue to have great expectations.

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